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Best Value Proposals Opened Today for Glenn Parks Interchange

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Commissioner Joe Perkins, announced today that best value proposals were opened the Design/Build Glenn Parks Highways Interchange project valued at over \$44.0 million. Best value proposals consider both design attributes and cost in determining the winning proposal. The winning proposal resulted in the best combination of price and technical attributes.

The Glenn Parks Interchange, located at the intersection of the Glenn and Parks Highway in the Matanuska Susitna Borough, will greatly enhance the safety of the traveling public who use these corridors to commute to work, enjoy recreation opportunities and for commercial purposes. Funded with a special Congressional appropriation of \$50 million secured by U.S. Senator Ted Stevens, this project will greatly meet the needs of providing safe and efficient transportation to the Matanuska Susitna Borough. The Parks and Glenn Highways are also key Interstate routes that serve as commercial lifelines to Interior Alaska, Fairbanks and the North Slope.

The apparent best value proposer is Kiewit Pacific Company whose proposal came in at \$44,035,000.00.

The Design Build process allows design to take place hand in hand with construction. As one portion of the design is completed, construction of that portion can begin. Design Build contracts are becoming more prevalent throughout the nation since they allow for a compressed schedule and an earlier completion date. Kiewit intends initiate construction this summer with project completion scheduled for October 1, 2004.

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